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Welcome to your new Clarion Call, the Mass. Dept. SUVCW hope to bring all our Members and Auxiliary a lively newsletter on events concerning this Dept. Our desire is to inform and not to have any bias- we hope you enjoy our efforts. -the Editor

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Blessing of the Flags, Springfield, Mass. June 14

On a bright and beautiful day our new Dept. and National Colors were honored at the Church-in-the -Acres, Wilbraham Road in Springfield. Dept. Chaplain Rev. E. Gage Hotaling conducted a special Blessing of the Colors, an affair never before conducted in the long history of the Department. The Color Guard marched into the Church with Flags flying and the event was a fine observance of Flag Day. Taking part were, Camp Comdr. Robert Knight, P.D.C. Roger OLsen, Sr.Vice Comdr. Fred Caldwell Aux. Pres. Mary Willey, Aux. Chaplain Adell Hotaling and a great job by Dept. Bugler Jesse A. Rydenski. After the service those in attendance stayed for a buffet that rounded out a great day.

Camp News:

Word has been received via Dept. Sec. Les Covey that William Tabor Camp 162 of Methuen has been returned to the good graces of the Dept. The suspension has been lifted br Comdr. Tucker and a Special Election was held. Douglass Knight has again been elected Camp Commander, welcome back into the fold Brothers.

Camp 30, Rockland Efforts have been made to re-establish this Camp that meets at Hartsuff Post 74 G.A.R. Hall Dept. Comdr. reports he contacted PCC Larry Corbett in Florida. Let's hope Camp 30 can get their act back together.

L.A. Tifft Camp 15, Springfield was the "host Camp" for the Blessing of the Flags Ceremony on June 14 the Membership headed by Camp Commander Bob Knight did a great job.

CAMP 104 HONORED, Camp Commander Gardner Butman accepts award from Dept. Commander Frank Tucker. the Charles H. Bond Camp 104 had a 210% increase in membership, the Camp has been meeting at the Davenport Estates in Malden while the Memorial Hall in Melrose is undergoing renovations.

☆ *Coming Events* -☆

Mass. Dept. Sons of Union Veterans

July 12, Meeting of Executive Board & Council - 10 AM at Yankee Atomic Elec. Co.,Research Dr.,Westborough

July 19, Meeting of NERA at the weirs, Laconia,N.H.

August 7-10, National Encampment, Utica, N.Y.

Sept.6, Meeting of Exec. Bd. & Council, G.A.R. Hall, Rockland

Department Order No 5 Series 1997 June 11, 1997

1. All Camps are hereby ordered to submit copies of their By Laws as approved by their membership to the Department Command er for reassessment and approval.
2. The By-Laws recently submitted by Camp 104 and approved by previous Department Commander have been found not to meet the mandate$ set forth in the C & R, and are therefore rescinded. The re-submission of updated By-Laws are approved.
3. There will be a ceremony blessing the new Department colors by Rev. E. Gage Hotaling, Department Chaplain, to be held on Saturday June 14, 1997 (Flag Day).
4. The following Brothers are appointed to Department Officer ships:

Historian -Richard Lufkin
Patriotic Instructor -Thomas M. Smith
Guard- Matthe-Wallace-Gross
Color Bearer - Ray Henry

SPRINGFIELD,MASS. JUNE 14, the SUVCW Color Guard marches into the Church-in-the-Acres.

5. By vote of the Executive Board, the bid by the Westborough Marriott to host our 116th Encampment was approved. Chairman of Encampment/Site Committee will be PDC Edward W. Parks.

All inquiries will be directed to him at P. O. Box 411, Middleboro, MA 02346.

6. The New England Regional Association Annual Meeting will convene at the Weirs Beach, N.H. on July 19, 1997. More in formation will be made available at a future date.

7. The Department Joint Officers Reception Committee shall be composed of Pres. Mary Willey of the Auxiliary as Chairperson, assisted by Edward W. Parks, PDC and Chief-of-Staff Gardner Butman.

8. All Camps are reminded to appoint a By-Laws Committee to enact By-Laws ruling their Camps and forwarded to Department Commander for approval. Those Camps alrEady having By-Laws shall forward for review and updated approval.

9. Brothers Benjamin Emerick and Peter Rotando are appointed Graves Registration Officers. Brother Emerick being the officer of note.

10. The next Council and Executive Board meeting will be held on Saturday, July 12, 1997 at 10:00 A.M. at the Yankee Atomic Electric Company Environmental Laboratory, 25 Research Drive, Westborough, MA.

Attest:
Edward W. Parks, PDC
Assistant Secretary
Frank J. Tucker
Department Commander

Annual Encampment

The annual Encampment of the Mass. Dept. SUVCW went into the History Books as the most exciting event in memory of the members in attendance.

Friday started off with a battle that would have made our Ancestors proud. After the dust and gunsmoke settled the encampment voted to over rule the Dept. Commander and returned the Dept. Sec. to his post. On Saturday the elections were held. and our new Dept. Commander Frank Tucker was chosen to lead for the fourth time.

Fred Caldwell moved up to Senior Vice Comder and Bill Ryerson was chosen Jr.Vice Comder. PDC Ed Parks was returned to the Office of Treasurer and PDC Leslie Covey was elected Secretary

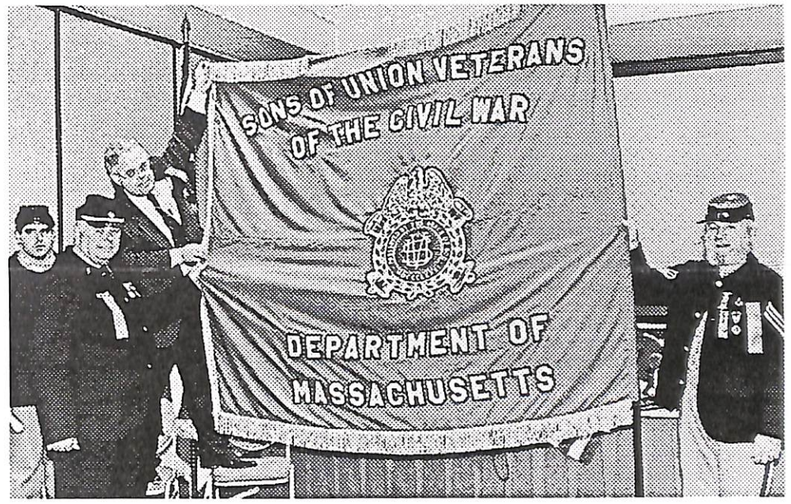
One change was made on the Council as Bob Knight replaced Brother Roundo, and Bros. Wheeler and Olsen were returned without opposition Two new faces were added to the list of Executive Board Members, joining Brothers Irving Seigfreidt, Dave Berner and Emerick on the panel are Tom Smith and John Bates.

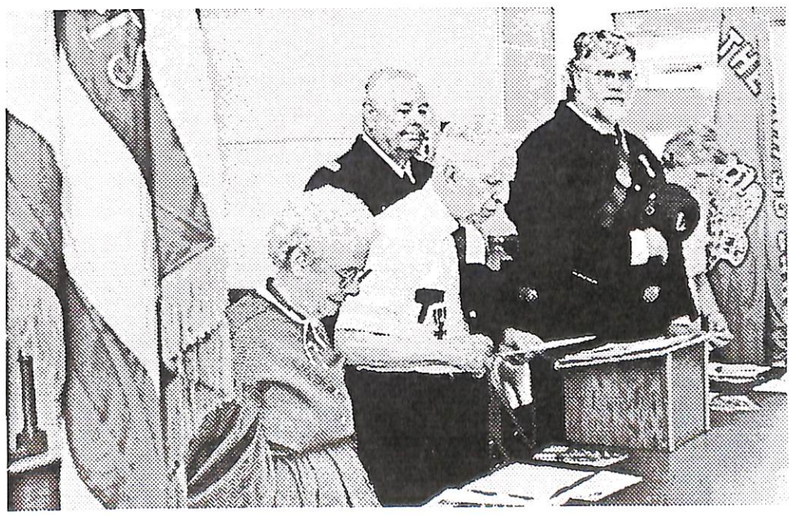
Our new Colors were presented and the membership admired the new Dept. and Nat. Flags. Then there was a parade through the Hotel halls to the Auxiliary function where Mary Willey had just been re-elected, after an exchange of greetings and remarks by Past Commander in Chief Eugene Russell the encampment closed and in the evening had a good time at the Banquet. Don't miss out, plan to attend next year.

OUR NEW DEPT. COMMANDER. taking part in the installation were Past Commander in Chief Clark Mellor, Roger Olsen-PDC & Installing Officer, Frank Tucker receives his gavel, and Eugene Russell also a Past Commander in Chief.

THE AUXILIARY at State Encampment, from left are; Betty Mellor, Andrea pickles, Mary Dillon, Past Commander in Chief Eugene Russell, Aux. Pres, Mary Willey, Dept. Commander Frank Tucker and Norma Garney.

THE NEW DEPT. FLAG, a black & white photo just doesn't do justice to our new colors.





SPRINGFIELD,MASS. Blessing of the Colors, in center- Dept. Chaplain Gage Hotaling conduct service, on left is Aux.Chap. ADell Hotaling, center rear- Roger Olsen and rt.rear- Sr.Vice Comdr. Fred Caldwell -Aux.Pres. Mary Willey